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SECOND BOOSTER DAY MAY 26TH

Low Prices Again Feature Monthly Bargain Day in Alma Stores.

CITY BAND FURNISHES MUSIC

Fine Attractions Are Offered For Second of City's Trade Expansion Undertakings.

Wednesday, May 26, is the date for the second big Booster Day on which articles of every kind and description will go at much below cost prices and the biggest bargains of the year will tempt farmers and citizens. One of the features which the committee has provided for this day and which will appeal to a good many people will be the presence of the Alma City Band which will furnish music during the day.

These merchants will sell the following articles at below-cost prices, and in many cases they will sell many other articles at greatly reduced prices: G. V. Wright, matting; N. E. Saad, rompers; L. E. Rather, ribbons; Smith and Clapp, wringers; Gray and Gray, coffee and a sandwich; O. Sandorhoff, electric irons; Cushing and Benedict, hosiery; Economy Shoe Store, shoes; Brown's Bazaar, dishes; Miner's Cafe, hot plates; A. R. Smith, shoes; McKenzie Bros., cigars; Baker's Studio, postcards; Alma Vaudeville, free matinee; Converse, alarm clocks; Losey, hat pins; Home Lumber and Fuel Co., roofing; State Savings Bank, free affidavits; L. N. Baker, bathiste; and lawn; Maier, free raincoat; Davis Barber Shop, tobacco; Gerhardt, peanuts; Alma Elevator, buggies; Medler, overalls; Miller's Grocery, soap; Delevan, oxfords; Eckert, fish; Ellison, coffee; Brunner, wall paper; Robinson, crepes; Rhodes, Flyp-Way; Gaffney, hosiery; Anderson & Houck, flour; Messinger, shirts; Page, dishes; First State Bank, drafts; Crandell and Scott, clothes racks; Crampton Bros., coffee.

Lack of space forbids the listing of prices for these articles but prospective purchasers can be assured that they will find the greatest bargains ever offered in these lines. Last month nearly every merchant reported the biggest day's business that had ever been done in his store, but it looks as though this month's Booster Day would be a far greater success than last month's was. Don't forget the date, May 26th.

POMONA GRANGE MEETING

The Gratiot Pomona Grange, will meet with the Pleasant Valley Grange at their hall, seven and one half miles north of St. Louis, on Saturday, May 29, in what promises to be one of the biggest, best and most helpful meetings the Gratiot Grange has ever held. A program of an excellent quality, has been arranged by the committee in charge, with no less a personage than the State Master, John C. Ketcham as the leading speaker of the day.

The announcement that the state executive of the farmer's organization is to be present is sufficient inducement to bring a big crowd to the meeting but other fine treats are in store for those who embrace the opportunity of attending this convention. The Pleasant Valley Grange is putting forth every effort to make this the banner Pomona Grange meeting of the year. The Ladies' Aid will furnish meals at only twenty cents a plate. It will not be necessary for the farmers to bring lunches.

Those who take the morning motor car could stop off at Freeman's Crossing where they will be met by carriages to convey them the rest of the way. Those who intend to go that way should notify Mr. Handley of Pleasant Valley Grange so that he may know how many to provide for.

The following program will be given: Business session in the fifth degree: 10:30 a.m. Dinner: 12:00 m.

Public Session, everybody welcome; especially the farmer and his wife: 1:30 p.m.—Grange Recitation—Yella Harris Talk—"The First Gratiot Pomona Grange", George McDavid Song—Walter A. Wood Music—Ovid Seamon Recitation—Velma Handley Song—Ruth Edmonds Address—John C. Ketcham In Memoriam—Mrs. Jennie Muscott Rural Life Conference—Pres. Grawn, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Question—In charge of lecturer of Pleasant Valley Grange Music—Bohemian orchestra Supper: 6:30 p.m. Calling in of fifth degree: 7:00 p.m.

WHITNEY STOCK CO. COMING AGAIN

The famous Whitney Stock Co. will play their annual engagement in Alma the week commencing May 24. This company is so well known here that comment is unnecessary. This season a show of rare excellence is carried; all the old favorites, including "Happy Lou Whitney and Russell L. Test are back and the line of play presented have never been duplicated under a canvas. They are all new and of sterling worth, and the dressing is made a distinct feature, as in the past. Two big feature vaudeville acts are carried, Winton, the wizard of the violin, and Varo, the marvel, together with other specialists, make no waits between acts. The opening play will be "The Law and the Lady," a big stirring drama of the underworld. The prices are low, 10 and 20 cents, and ladies are admitted free Monday night, with one paid 20c ticket.

BOOSTER DAY BARGAIN

For Booster Day we are sending out 1000 sample copies to people in this county who do not take the Record. Our object is to assist our advertisers and to increase our circulation. We think the Record compares favorably with any of Michigan weeklies, it contains 35 columns of reading matter, 31 columns of this is home set local and county news. Last month's Booster Day we were so successful in taking new subscribers that on May 26th, Alma's Booster Day, we will take one year's subscription to the Record for 50 cents. Come in and try it for a year, if you take it now, send it a year to a friend or a good customer.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ARE TO STAGE A PLAY

"Mose" to Be Presented by Amateur Talent June 16, in High School Auditorium.

The Seniors of Alma High school will stage their class play, "Mose," in the high school auditorium, Wednesday evening, June 16th. The play is a comedy with scenes laid about a college and a strong 'rah rah' atmosphere pervading the theatrical air. Rudolph Beyer a sophomore in the college who has considerable dramatic ability is assisting in training the actors for their commencement week production. Further announcement concerning the play will be made later but the following cast has been selected and has already commenced the work of preparation.

Mose, a football hero—Wesley Muscott Frank Thornton, weak but not wicked—Glen Rockwell Thurston Hall, who makes a mistake—William Brewbaker.

Billy Holt, the inevitable freshman—Malcolm Smith Henry Warwick, a product of yellow journalism—Edward Mahr "Society" Smith, one of the boys—Carl Blair

Rodney, another—Lloyd Sexton Sumner, another—Leo Hill Hayden, another—Archie Wood Thomas Edward, 'l' enfant terrible—Clarence Banghart

An Old Man, Mose's father—Roy Perry Eleanor Thornton, who loves a man for his strength—Mildred McConkey Annie Schyler, who loves a man for his weakness—Emily Tann Betty Carewe, who loves a freshman—Wealthy Graim

Sally Middleton—Mina Montigel Katherine Stanton—Ruth Kelly Edythe Burne, an impressionist from the 'provinces'—Georgiana Gossett Mrs. Bone, the "frat" house matron—Nelda Dove

Mrs. Vanche, a chaperon—Vinnie Boyd Mrs. Courant, another—Hazel Carey Inga, the maid—Elsie Lindener.

Synopsis Act 1 Living room in the Gamma Tau fraternity house, afternoon. Act 2 Reception room at the Grolier Club, evening

Act 3 Same as Act 1, the following morning. The officers of the senior class are President, Wesley Muscott; Vice President, Georgiana Gossett; Treasurer, William Brewbaker; Secretary, Malcolm Smith.

CARD OF THANKS

The brothers and sisters of the Masonic Home, wish to extend through the columns of the Record, a "vote of thanks" to the twenty six lady students of Alma College, for the May Pole dance and drill in the assembly hall of the Home on Monday afternoon. Which was very much enjoyed by us all.

Dr. Gardner is now nicely located in his new quarters, Suit No. 1 and 20, Polasky block. He has equipped his offices with new furniture complete and has one of the finest offices in Michigan.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION HERE

Fine Speakers and Splendid Program for Meetings at M. E. Church.

300 DELEGATES WILL COME

Annual Gathering for Lansing District is Scheduled For This Week, May 21 to 23.

The Lansing District Convention of the Epworth League will be held in the Methodist church of this city



from Friday afternoon, May 21st, to Sunday evening, May 23rd, with between two and three hundred delegates from the central and southern part of Michigan present and several of the finest speakers in the state on hand to deliver addresses and talks. This will be one of the biggest religious conventions ever held in Alma and some rare treats are in store for those who are present. The committee in charge have done remarkably well in the line of securing attractions for convention work.

One of the feature talks will be given by Rev. Clarence E. Hoag of Ionia on the subject of "The Forward March", Friday evening at seven thirty o'clock, while the address, "Play Ball; Preacher Out; Leaguers To Bat" by Rev. A. R. Johns of Flint, Saturday evening at the same time will be of special interest to everyone. The same preacher will deliver the convention sermon, Sunday morning at ten thirty o'clock.

The District Superintendent, Rev. William Phelps, will give an address, "Big Folks For Little Places" Sunday afternoon at two thirty o'clock which is of excellent promise, and another in the evening at seven thirty o'clock on the subject "The Flying Wedge".

The big convention banquet will be given Saturday evening at five thirty o'clock with an admission price of only twenty five cents.

Rev. Brownlow, Pastor of the First Methodist church of this city, will have charge of several of the meetings and will give several short talks to the delegates. The following is the program.

CONVENTION PROGRAM

Friday Afternoon 2:30—Meet at church for registration and assignments

3:00—A. Greeting From Our Hosts

Rev. Thos. G. R. Brownlow, pastor of the church

"Daybreak Everywhere." Tell us about your chapter, what you have done are doing, and propose to do.

4:00—Get acquainted with each other.

4:00—A very Important District Cabinet Meeting is called for this hour. Let every district officer be present.

Friday Evening 7:30—Devotions.

Rev. L. T. Robinson, Duplain. Address, "The Forward March."

Rev. Clarence E. Hoag, Ionia. Saturday Morning

8:00—Devotions, with Sermon.

Rev. Herbert V. Wade, Carson City.

8:30—The Larger Vision of League Work from each Department's Standpoint.

1—First Vice President, The Larger reach of the Spiritual Department.

(a) Miss Helen Wright, Belding.

(b) Mr. Harry Robinson, District Officer, Portland.

2—Second Vice President, Effective Effort for World Evangelism.

(a) Mrs. Elna Hatch.

Miss Helen Wright, District Officer, Belding.

3—Third Vice President, The Greater Social Service.

(a) Miss Minnie Cook, Belding.

(b) Miss Vida Gregg, District Officer, Alma.

4—Fourth Vice President, Recreation That Re-Creates.

(a) Miss Gertrude Allison, Carson City.

(b) Mrs. Lee Giddings, District Officer, Lansing.

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OBITUARY

William L. LaPaugh, a highly respected and well known resident, died Friday May 7, 1915, on the old homestead, in Summer Township, Gratiot County, Mich., where he was born. He was born November 21, 1885 and at the time of his death was in his 60th year.

On March 12, 1885, he was married to Miss Jessie Keyes and to this union were born five children, three of whom survive him, George, Forest and Willis. He also leaves a widow, an aged mother, one brother and two sisters to mourn his death.

The funeral was held at the home Sunday, May 9 at 2 p.m., under the auspices of North Star Lodge No. 806 Riverdale of which order the deceased had been a member for a number of years. A large number of the brothers from Riverdale, Elwell and Vestaburg being in attendance. Services were conducted by Rev. A. W. Baker of Riverdale and the remains were interred in the Pritchard cemetery. A large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

DELEVAN COMET NO. 3

Paul Delevan of this city, has discovered another comet, which makes his third since he began astronomical work in South America. The following despatch was sent to the Detroit Free Press from Ann Arbor, relative to the discovery.

Professor J. H. Mussey, head of the department of astronomy and director of the observatory, Tuesday received a cablegram from the observatory of LaPlata, Argentina, South America, announcing the discovery, Sunday, of a new Comet by Paul Delevan, of this city, this is the third comet Delevan has discovered.

WOOD TO COACH AT FENTON HIGH SCHOOL

Prominent College Student-Athlete To Become Teacher and Athletic Director.

Alger Wood, for the past two years the big athletic luminary at Alma College, has been engaged by the Fenton High School authorities to teach and coach in that high school for the coming year. In hiring Wood, Fenton has secured the best all round athlete in Alma College as well as the best all round athlete in the M. I. A. A. But besides securing the finest college athlete in Michigan, Fenton has a teacher who has been honored and respected by a multitude of friends and admirers for all the years he has lived here.

Wood is a 1911 graduate of Alma High School, where for four years he made a fine reputation for himself as a student and athlete. During his stay in the local high school, the finest teams ever turned out by Alma, were developed and on nearly every team Wood was the star performer.

If there is one sport above another in which Wood excels it is in football. He has been All-State fullback for two years and Captain of the team in his junior year. In baseball he has played second base and centerfield for four years, being leading hitter for one season. He has played basketball every year and in his freshman and senior years at least was the best player of the team. In track his specialty is the discus in which event he won second place in the big Intercollegiate meet at Albion, last June. This year it looks very much as though he would win first place with ease.

Though Wood is such an exceptional athlete he holds the respect and regard of everyone, fully as much because of his straightforward manliness and fine character as because of his phenomenal athletic ability. Fenton High School is to be congratulated upon their good fortune in securing Alger Wood to have charge of their school-boys.

RED CROSS CONTRIBUTORS

During the spring, two boxes containing hospital supplies which included 630 antiseptic pads, 168 bandages, 14 hospital shirts and an assortment of various knitted articles were sent to the Red Cross head quarters in New York.

The local committee wishes to express their very sincere gratitude to all of those who made the work possible—those who contributed knitting and those who volunteered their services for this cause.

OUR JOB DEPARTMENT

The Record Job department is now fully equipped for any kind of printing work given to the Record is done at home by home printers who spend their money with Alma merchants. Our pay roll is distributed here, not in Saginaw or St. Louis. We believe in patronizing Alma merchants and solicit a share of your business.

A. H. S. SCORES EASY VICTORIES

Ithaca and St. Louis Beaten For Fifth and Sixth Straight Wins.

COLLEGE WINS 3; LOSES 2

Drop Two Big Contests and Capture Three of Minor Importance During Past Week.

The Alma High School baseball team continued its unbroken string of victories last Friday afternoon by defeating the St. Louis High boys by the score of 16 to 5 in the first of a two-game series with diamond representatives of the sister city. The weather was so unfavorable for baseball that good baseball was out of the question. However the large score is fairly indicative of the comparative playing ability of the two teams.

Highfield was Coach Luchman's pitching machine while Rasky pitched for the St. Louis team. The former had a decided edge on his opponent, letting the home players down with three scratch hits, while his teammates were securing thirteen.

Smith was the leading hitter of the game, smashing out three long hits, which were largely instrumental in the sending in of such an accumulation of runs. Mindell, Mack Wood, Captain Perry and Stevens, each secured two hits apiece while the Alma captain was given three bases on balls. He had the most unusual record of scoring five runs himself. The other two hits were made by Wilson and Mann.

Highfield issued four walks and Rasky five while the former hit one batter. Nine were retired on strikes by the Alma High twirler and seven by Rasky. The following men played for Alma: Captain Perry, catcher; Highfield, pitcher; Smith, first base; Mack Wood, second base; Stevens, third base; Mann, shortstop; Wilson, right field; Mindell, center field; and Archie Wood, left field.

Coach Luchman has turned out one of the best if not the best baseball teams that Alma High has ever had. They play a fast article of baseball and show excellent training. In all they have played five games so far this season, four of which have been victories. The other game was the seven inning tie game with Western High School of Bay City.

Ohio Northern University of Ada, Ohio, was the fifth victim of the Alma clouters, last Friday afternoon when the locals batted out a 12 to 2 victory over the visitors in a game featured by extra base hits. Five three base hits were secured by the Presbyterians, two of them by Alger Wood, while there was a good supply of two base hits as well.

A cold wind prevailed throughout the contest but this did not interfere with several beautiful exhibitions of good baseball. Charles Depew pitched a good conservative game for Alma allowing five hits and setting down a number of the visitors on strikes. The defensive work of the Alma team was fully up to the offensive work in quality, for the errors were few and far between, while in spots the fielding was brilliant. Captain Simenton, Dancer, Stimpson and Steggle showed reason why they are called the greatest infield that Alma has ever had.

Wood, Peacock and Johnson pulled down a couple of hard flies in the outfield while Goodrich behind the bat showed excellent judgement in the handling of batters, and allowed but one base to be stolen on him.

On two different occasions when the bases were full, an Alma batter slammed out a three base hit. On the first occasion, Wood drove one to the gate and on the other Goodrich did exactly the same thing. Johnson and Dancer also hit for three bases at physiological times. The latter was the big hitting star of the game with a single, a base on balls, double and triple to his credit in five trips to the plate. He scored four runs which in itself is something of a record.

As in every game so far this season the Alma men ran wild on the bases stealing five times. In the opening inning, Dancer singled, stole second and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt and was 'squeezed' home on the prettiest play of the game.

Captain Simenton has developed a fine team this spring and if serious injuries can be avoided it will make the finest record an Alma team has ever made and this in spite of the fact that Alma has always been represented by the best teams in the state.

DENTAL ASSOCIATION MEETS

Representative dentists of Isabella and Gratiot counties, met for a big banquet and convention, in the Wright House, last Friday night. Eleven dentists were present; Drs. Richardson, McDonald and Sheline of Mt. Pleasant; Skinner and Ranger of Ithaca; Pettitt and Ludlum of St. Louis; Lampman of Shepherd; and Pringle, Beshgetoor and Gill of Alma.

Papers were read by Dr. Pettitt and Dr. Skinner on "Synthetic Porcelain" Following this, the officers for the past year, were re-elected with Dr. M. G. Skinner of Ithaca as President; Dr. C. O. Sheline of Mt. Pleasant, Vice President; Dr. F. A. Gill, Alma, Secretary and Treasurer.

At six o'clock an elaborate banquet was served followed by a fine social hour.

A committee was appointed to confer with similar committees representing the bar and medical associations of this district for the purpose of arranging a joint convention of the three associations to be held in Alma during the month of August.

AUTOS WANTED

The local G. A. R. Post and W. R. C. would be very grateful if owners of automobiles would loan them the afternoon of Decoration Day so that the less able members of these organizations may attend the services at the cemetery. Those who are willing to render this service for such a worthy cause will communicate with either Charles Rhodes, J. D. Helman or William Rogers, at their earliest convenience. A program, the details of which will be announced later, is being prepared by the committee in charge.

DEBATING CLUB BANQUET A FINE AFFAIR

Characterized by Delightful Feast and Brilliant Toasts—Held on Friday Evening.

The seventh annual banquet of the Alma High School Debating Club, was held in the High School building, Friday evening with seventy four members and invited guests present. Professor B. B. Ward, head of the geological department of the Mt. Pleasant Normal, was the toastmaster of the evening. He was principal of Alma High School for several years, leaving here for the University of Chicago where he took his degree last April. He was instrumental in the founding of the debating club.

Wesley Muscott, President of the Senior class, introduced the toastmaster who in turn called upon seven former members and guests, for toasts.

Glen Rockwell, '15, responded to the toast of welcome in a witty and pleasing expression of good will. Paul Cash of the 1913 graduating class and a freshman in the college, gave a well expressed response.

Prof. E. B. Kilham who came to Alma as principal, in January, and who even in that short time has made a great number of friends in Alma, was well received by the banqueters and made quite a 'hit'. Ward Hodge, of last year's graduating class, rendered a vocal solo and Miss Marie Doane, also of last year's graduating class, toasted Our Hosts. The hour of toasts was closed with two well delivered talks by John Ludwig '12 and Theodore Gates '12, on Lasting Impressions and a Panorama, respectively.

At a late hour the banqueters adjourned to their homes after one of the most delightful social occasions of the year. Among those present were sixteen graduates of the High School and six members of the faculty. The following is the menu.

Menu Tomatoes Bouillon Radishes Chicken Croquettes Mashed Potatoes French Peas Brown Bread White Bread Fruit Salad Coffee Nabiscoes Pineapple Ice Assorted Cake Debating Club Punch

INTERESTING NEWSPAPER OF 1845

Paris Robinson, father-in-law of Lytle McKenzie, has an interesting copy of the Illinois State Register, dated June 13, 1845. On the back page appears a big advertisement run by Lincoln's law partner, A. G. Herndon, who was apparently quite a well known horse breeder and raiser.

The paper is rather devoid of reading matter and all advertisements are quite unpretentious, small type being the prevailing kind.

A fine new show case for neckties collars etc. has been placed in front of George Maier's clothing store which is a fine advertising medium as well as a good decoration. Marble slabs form the foundation.

BOARD OF TRADE TAKES ACTION

Recommends \$35,000 Building for Republic Motor Truck Company.

DEAL IS NEAR COMPLETION

Rumors of Company's Removal from City Laid to Rest by Steps Taken This Week.

For some weeks past there has been considerable agitation concerning the moving of the Republic Truck Co. from Alma. Several cities have made them very flattering offers, some of which have been seriously considered owing to the fact that the present plant which they are renting, is so small and illly arranged to turn out their increased business. The company are employing two hundred twenty-five men and are unable to manufacture goods as fast as demanded. Few of our citizens realize the immensity of this business and what a busy place it is, they are cluttered up and working to such a disadvantage that something surely must be done.

The Board of Trade have been working on this proposition for some time trying to come to some definite plan whereby the present plant could be purchased, rebuilt and rearranged and more buildings added to make it an up-to-date plant adequate to their needs. The Board had a conference with the Wright Estate last week and were unable to come to any understanding whatever as to the value of the plant and the purchase thereof. At another meeting last Monday night the following resolution was passed: "Moved by J. M. Montigel and supported by Otto Sanderhoff that it is the sense of this Board that we raise \$35,000.00 for the purpose of constructing a new plant for the Republic Truck Co. and that the president appoint a committee of three to confer with the Republic Truck Co. relative to the character of the buildings required and the terms of payment desired. President Brown appointed the following committee: J. M. Montigel, Otto Sanderhoff and Carl Washburn".

The committee called on Manager Ruggles, went over the matter in detail and decided that owing to the fact that it was impossible to purchase the present plant, owing to the excessive price, to build a new fire proof, one story steel structure, running parallel to the Hay Press building in the vicinity of the Miller Saw Trimmer Co. on the land owned by the Board of Trade. The number of square feet of floor space, locations of tracks etc. were arranged and plans specifications and blue prints will be ready in a few days.

We might say that the Republic Truck Co. have no desire to leave Alma, in fact much prefer to remain here if adequate buildings can be arranged for, so that they can care for their large increased business to an advantage. We realize that the loyal people of Alma appreciate the benefit of this progressive company and will turn every stone to carry out the plan recommended and submitted by the Board of Trade.

CITY BAND ORGANIZED

Last Wednesday night the Alma City Band began its series of weekly concerts on the streets of the city and from now on until the late fall concerts will be given every Wednesday evening.

At a meeting held last week the organization of the band was perfected and its personnel determined. Percy Smith was elected president; Robert Sherwood, Secretary; Ray Tomlin, Treasurer and Charles O. Ward, Director. The following persons will comprise the band: Geo. A. Clow, Tuba; Irving Lyons, Tuba; G. V. Wright, Baritone; James Stauffer, 1st Trombone; Rodney Burgess, 2nd Trombone; P. M. Smith, Alto; Charles Newton, Alto; Charles Graim, Alto; C. Nickerson, Cornet; Ray Tomlin, Solo Cornet; Earl Medler, 1st Cornet; Robert Sherwood, Clarinet; Hubert Brunner, Solo and 1st Clarinet; Malcolm Smith, 2nd Clarinet; Carl Man-are, 3rd Clarinet; C. F. Gallagher, Traps and C. O. Ward, Conductor and Director.

The band is without a doubt the finest that Alma has ever had; and some unusually fine ones have been organized in this city in the past. Arrangements have been made with a committee from the Alma Commercial Men's association whereby the men are to receive a small remuneration for their services and a band stand has been built under the direction of Henry Soule. This is movable and will greatly facilitate the staging of the concerts.